

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending.

The Office Action indicates that the Terminal Disclaimer filed with Applicants' November 21, 2006, Amendment has been disapproved because it is asserted that the Attorney that signed the Terminal Disclaimer is not of record. Filed herewith is a replacement Terminal Disclaimer which is directed to the correct U.S. Patent.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-7 of Kawazura (U.S. Patent No. 6,652,641B2) in view of Hare et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,491,052) alone, or together with Chen (EP1321488A1) or Schmiegel (WO9823653A1). Claims 5-8 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-7 of Kawazura in view of Hare et al. It is respectfully submitted that these rejections are rendered moot with the filing of the attached Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,652,641 to Kawazura.

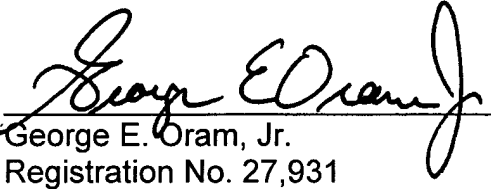
In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-4 and 5-8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting are respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the claims and this application are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even

better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representatives at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required with respect to this paper or credit any overpayment to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, making reference to Attorney Docket No. 100021-00136.

Respectfully submitted,


George E. Oram, Jr.
Registration No. 27,931

Customer No. 004372
1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20036-5339
Tel: (202) 857-6000
Fax: (202) 638-4810

GEO/vhm

Enclosure: Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,652,641 to Kawazura.